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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Gorge Dam Removal Project

Hi all.

Summit Metro Parks will conduct a jurisdictional wetlands delineation and will coordinate with the USACOE to have the delineation verified. We should have this completed by the end of summer.

We have actually already done most of this work. Previously, I sent our resource mapping to Julie. Those maps included jurisdictional wetlands boundaries that are pretty close. The wetlands data on those maps is a little old so we will update them and send them on as soon as they are done. We will also write a formal report and will coordinate with the USACOE to have the delineation verified. We will also conduct quality assessments usually required by Ohio EPA (ORAM for wetlands and QHEI/HHEI for smaller tributaries). We are assuming that we will not need to conduct IBI's, ICI's, or QHEI's for the mainstem of the Cuyahoga as Ohio EPA already has good data here. **Bill:** can you confirm if this is correct?

Until our studies are complete, the data I already sent should be good for initial planning. **Julie:** Please confirm you have natural resource mapping for Gorge and Cascade Valley. I think I also sent you the shapefiles. If not, please let me know as soon as possible and I will get it to you.

We are moving forward with the culture resource inventory for Section 106 compliance. We are in regular communication with the State Historic Preservation Office and both Bill Z. and I have a call into USACOE to inquire if they would be willing to get involved with review/approval of the cultural work (probably a project specific programmatic agreement) prior to the Section 404 application being filed (this was suggested by the SHIPO).

With regards to the permitting that will be required for this project (Section 404, 401, NPDES, etc....). I would like to suggest that should stay in Jacobs court. We are good doing the delineation work. The wetlands boundaries "are what they are" likewise, the location of the cultural resources don't really change. What does change in projects like this are the boundaries of the impact footprint. Access roads get moved, an undocumented utility line is found, an old easement turns up, the location of the staging area changes etc... This sometimes makes the permitting a moving target. I have found that it is not wise to separate the permitting away from the engineering firm that is doing the design work. I think the whole project would go smoother if Jacobs handled the permit applications. **Beth and Julie:** What do you think about this?

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Mike

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**From:** Charles Hauber, PE, PS  
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**Subject:** Gorge Dam Removal Project

Jacobs to visit the Gorge site in June. Please coordinate as far in advance with Metro Parks. We will have staff available to assist with the site walk, point out sensitive areas and answer questions. If beneficial, we may be able to have an ATV available to assist in traveling through the Park.

Regarding sampling activities, please have Jacobs submit a draft sampling plan to Summit Metro Parks as soon as available. Metro Parks will review the plan to make sure the sampling does not affect natural or cultural resources or other sensitive areas. There are rare and endangered plants in the Gorge. Metro Park will request an Special Use Permit (SUP) or Temporary Work Access Agreement for the sampling and sample processing that is on Metro Parks properties or areas we manage. I'll assist with completing the SUP or agreements to minimize Jacobs efforts/time. You may have Jacobs coordinate directly with me.

Mike Johnson will provide our resource (wetland) mapping. I will follow up with Mike J. regarding Metro Park staff availability for wetland delineations needed for permitting purposes.

Other:

Public Meeting April 9, very successful. Approximately 225 attendees

Dominion East Ohio Replacing gas line along Front Street. Directionally drill under Cuyahoga River. Dam removal considered in gas line depth under river.

Effects of dam removal on Front Street Bridge? Will need to provide information to Summit County Engineer when available.

Thank you,

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